

Volleyball Canada Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) for Beach Volleyball at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

1. National Federation Qualification

As established by the IOC & FIVB, 24 teams per gender will compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Beach Volleyball Competition (July 27-August 10, 2024). National Federation (NF) / National Olympic Committee (NOC) berths will be determined through the FIVB Olympic Qualification process, which is included in Appendix A. In the event of a discrepancy between this INP and the FIVB process, the FIVB document will prevail. In the event of changes by FIVB to the selection and eligibility criteria, Volleyball Canada is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible.

2. Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible to be nominated by Volleyball Canada to participate at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- A. Be eligible under Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB/IOC) criteria (Appendix A).
- B. Be a Canadian Citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- C. Have a Canadian passport valid until February 11, 2025.
- D. Be a member in good standing with Volleyball Canada.
- E. Sign and submit the COC Athlete Agreement and Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 24, 2024.

3. Contact Information

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4. Team Selection Process (Maximum of 2 teams per NF/NOC per gender)

a. 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships

Any Canadian beach volleyball team that wins the gold medal at the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Senior Championships (October 6-15, 2023) will be nominated by Volleyball Canada to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Should the team that earned the 2023 FIVB World Championship berth above disband for a non-injury related purpose then the 2023 FIVB World Championship berth will be allocated by Volleyball Canada's Beach High Performance Director to a team in which both athletes are eligible under **2. Athlete Eligibility** above.

b. 2024 FIVB Olympic Ranking

Any Canadian beach volleyball team(s) that earn one of the 17 available NF/NOC Paris 2024 berths through the 2024 FIVB Olympic Ranking (The best 12 performances as a team on the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge, Future and Finals), FIVB World Championships and recognized

Continental Tour Finals [best of the two results] between January 1, 2023 to June 9, 2024) will be nominated by Volleyball Canada to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The NF/NOC maximum of 2 berths to the Paris 2024 Olympics must be respected.

c. 2024 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification Tournament

Should Volleyball Canada not achieve two Paris 2024 Olympic berths from the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships and the 2024 FIVB Olympic Ranking, then Volleyball Canada will nominate the top Canadian team (Where both players on the team are eligible under **2. Athlete Eligibility** above) to represent Volleyball Canada at the NORCECA (North and Central America and the Caribbean Zone) Beach Volleyball Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Tournament (June 2024) using the following criteria applied in the order they are listed below (If teams are tied after Criteria 1 then continue through the criteria in order until all the ties are broken):

- 1. The best four (4) Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events) performances as a team (In terms of total FIVB Points earned in the four tournaments) between January 1, 2024 and June 9, 2024.
- 2. The total FIVB Points earned as a team on the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events) between January 1, 2024 and June 9, 2024.
- 3. The total points earned in the 2024 FIVB Olympic Ranking (The best 12 results as a team on the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour (Elite 16, Challenge and Future events), FIVB World Championships and recognized Continental Tour Finals [best of the two results] between January 1, 2023 to June 9, 2024).
- 4. Draw between the teams still tied on June 11, 2024.

The 1st place National Federation from the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Tournament shall earn a berth to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Any Canadian beach volleyball team that qualifies for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games through the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Tournament will be nominated by Volleyball Canada to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Players that have qualified through either the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the 2024 FIVB Olympic Ranking are not eligible to compete in the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Tournament.

d. Support Staff Selection

Volleyball Canada will assign the Team Leader and additional coaches (Including each team's personal team coach) and staff (Therapist, IST Lead ...etc.) in order to support the teams at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Pending the accreditation allocation from the COC, it is possible that not all selected support team will have full access to the field of play and/or Olympic Village. Below is the priority order of accreditation allocation:

- 1. Team Leader
- 2. Therapist
- 3. Team coach of the highest ranked team on the FIVB World Ranking June 9, 2024
- 4. Team coach of the 2nd highest ranked team on the FIVB World Ranking June 9, 2024
- 5. Team coach of the 3rd highest ranked team on the FIVB World Ranking June 9, 2024
- 6. Team coach of the 4th highest ranked team on the FIVB World Ranking June 9, 2024

All coaches must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada, either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.

5. Team Nomination Date

Volleyball Canada will nominate all Paris 2024 Beach Volleyball athletes and team officials to the Canadian Olympic Committee on June 26, 2024. The Canadian Olympic Committee may publicly announce this team on or after June 27, 2024.

6. Replacement Due to Injury

If a team member is unable to participate at either:

- The NORCECA Beach Volleyball Paris 2024 Qualification Tournament, or
- The Paris 2024 Olympic Games

due to injury or force majeure and needs to be replaced, the partner of the injured athlete may choose his/her replacement athlete provided the replacement player not otherwise selected to the Olympic team is eligible under **2. Athlete Eligibility** above.

All nominated athletes shall have their injury/health status assessed by the Volleyball Canada Beach National Team physician. In the event that an athlete is deemed injured (or ill) by the Volleyball Canada Beach National Team physician as a result of having completed this assessment, the Volleyball Canada Beach National Team physician shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the Olympic Team. Injuries to athletes occurring after the nomination deadline will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

All changes after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. On or after July 8, 2024 all changes are also are subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

7. Appeals

If an athlete wishes to appeal a decision from Volleyball Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for Beach Volleyball at the Paris 2024 Olympics, the appeal will be dealt with as outlined in the Volleyball Canada Appeals Policy, found on the Volleyball Canada website at the following link:

https://www.volleyball.ca/en/about/governance/policies

All athletes and team officials must be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee by July 3, 2024 and all appeals must be resolved by July 8, 2024.

8. Unforeseen Circumstances / Changes to this Document

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Volleyball Canada Internal Nomination Procedures for Beach Volleyball at the Paris 2024 Olympics to be fairly and objectively applied, Volleyball Canada's Beach High Performance Director reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. In the event of a change Volleyball Canada will inform all affected parties immediately.

9. Language

Where there is a discrepancy between the French and the English versions of this document then the English version shall prevail.





QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION (FIVB)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's events (1)	Women's events (1)
24-team tournament	24-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Beach Volleyball:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	23 teams (46 athletes)	1 team (2 athletes)	24 teams (48 athletes)
Women	23 teams (46 athletes)	1 team (2 athletes)	24 teams (48 athletes)
Total	46 teams (92 athletes)	2 teams (4 athletes)	48 teams (96 athletes)

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota places per NOC
Men	2 team (4 athletes)
Women	2 team (4 athletes)
Total	4 teams (8 athletes)

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the NOC.

Each NOC must, upon recommendation of the respective National Federation, choose its athletes respecting the criteria set forth in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).





Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules and regulations of FIVB may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Age requirements

The minimum age for a Beach Volleyball athlete is 14 years old on the first day of the competition at the Olympic Games. To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must therefore be born on or before 27 July 2010.

C.3. Anti-Doping requirements

The FIVB will only allow the registration of clean athletes who have been tested during the qualification period starting 1 July 2022 and ending 23 June 2024 (the 'Qualification Period').

C.4. Additional IF eligibility criteria

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, all athletes must also comply with the following cumulative criteria:

- All athletes must comply with the requirements set out in Chapter (Status of Players) of the <u>FIVB</u>
 <u>Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations</u> and <u>Article 5 FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations</u>.
- All athletes must comply with the minimum participation in events set out by the rules of FIVB as described below:
 - To be eligible to represent an NOC that has been allocated a quota place through the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 12 of the following events: the 2023 FIVB Senior World Championships; Beach Pro Tour (Elite, Challenge, Future and Finals); recognised Continental Tours Finals, scheduled from 1 January 2023 until 9June 2024.
 - In the event that an NOC/NF has been allocated a quota place through the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its twelve (12) highest ranked eligible athletes according to the FIVB Ranking Points accumulated within the Qualification Period while participating in events listed in the previous paragraph.
 - 2. To be eligible to represent an NOC that has been allocated a quota place through the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event or the host country places, all athletes must have participated as an individual in a minimum of 6 of the following events: the FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event (in case of series of qualification tournaments, each phase counts as one event); Recognized Competitions: Continental Tours, National Tours, Zonal Tours; recognized Multi-Sports Games and regional Games; FIVB Competitions as defined in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations, scheduled from 1 July 2022 until 23 June 2024.

In the event that an NOC/NF has been allocated a quota place through the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event or the host country places, the NOC/NF must choose its athletes from its twelve (12) highest ranked eligible athletes as per the FIVB Ranking Points accumulated within the qualification period while participating in events listed in the previous paragraph.





D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Each NOC/NF will be able to qualify using the Olympic Ranking or by winning a qualification tournament (the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships; FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event) held worldwide from 1 July 2022 to 23 June 2024.

The Olympic Ranking is established based on the FIVB Ranking Points earned at the 12 highest performances as a team in the 2023 FIVB Senior World Championships; Beach Pro Tour (Elite, Challenge, Future and Finals); recognised Continental Tours Finals (in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered) from 1 January 2023 until 9 June 2024.

An athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The qualification events are listed in chronological order of qualification and the quota places for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 are allocated as follows:

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

Men/Women

Number of quota places	Qualification events
1 Men team (2 athletes) 1 Women team (2 athletes) 2 teams Total (4 athletes)	2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, Tlaxcala, Mexico, 6 to 15 October 2023 The 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Champion team of each gender will obtain one (1) quota place for its NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC.
17 Men teams (34 athletes) 17 Women teams (34	Olympic Ranking List of 10 th June 2024
athletes) 34 teams Total (68 athletes)	Men: https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/rankingmen Women: https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/rankingwomen
	The 17 highest ranked teams on the Olympic Ranking as of 10 June 2024 will each obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC.
	In the event of a tie in the established Olympic Ranking between two or more teams the following criteria will apply in the following order, to determine the team(s) obtaining a quota place for their NOC:





- The total FIVB Ranking Points accumulated as a team in the 2023 FIVB Senior World Championships; Beach Pro Tour (Elite, Challenge, Future and Finals); recognised Continental Tours Finals (in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the highest result will be considered) from 1 January 2023 until 9 June 2024;
- 2. The total number of events (the 2023 FIVB Senior World Championships; Beach Pro Tour (Elite, Challenge, Future and Finals); recognised Continental Tours Finals [in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered]) the team has participated in from 1 January 2023 until 9 June 2024.
- 3. The highest FIVB Ranking Points obtained as a team in one single event (either the 2023 FIVB Senior World Championships; Beach Pro Tour (Elite, Challenge, Future and Finals); recognised Continental Tours Finals [in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered]) from 1st January 2023 until 9 June 2024; if still tied, the 2nd highest FIVB Ranking Points obtained as a team in one single event 1 January 2023 until 9 June 2024; if still tied, then 3rd highest or 4th highest, etc. until the tie is broken. In the event that the tie cannot be broken, the quota place will be allocated by a draw of lots held between the two (2) teams.

An athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC to Olympic Games Paris 2024. In the event that the same athlete(s) who already obtained the quota place for his/her NOC through the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024 will earn one (1) quota place for its NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC.

5 Men teams (10 athletes)
5 Women teams (10 athletes)
10 teams Total (20 athletes)

Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event (1 July 2022 to 23 June 2024)

The Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event will take place between 1 July 2022 and 23 June 2024, within each Confederation.

To be eligible to allow one (1) quota place per gender qualified from the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event, a minimum of sixteen (16) National Federations per gender shall participate in the continent of AVC, CAVB, CEV and NORCECA and a minimum of seven (7) National Federations per gender shall participate in the continent of CSV.

Upon meeting the required eligibility mentioned above, each Confederation can decide the competition format following the scheme below:





- The Continental Qualification event is one (1) tournament (Men and Women) or a series of tournaments with the final phase to decide the one (1) quota place per gender.
- Each National Federation is represented by one (1) team per gender or two (2) teams per gender in such qualification event.

Should the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event be one (1) tournament, it shall be held in the period between 13 and 23 June 2024. Should such Qualification event be a series of tournaments, then the final phase shall be held in the period between 13 and 23 June 2024. The winning NOC of each Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event will earn one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum of two (2) quota place per NOC.

Each Confederation is required to confirm its competition format by no later than 31 May 2022.

NOCs which have already obtained two (2) quota places as per the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking list of 10th June 2024 will not compete in the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event (or the final phase, should such Qualification be a series of tournaments).

An athlete having already earned one (1) quota place for its NOC through the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List established on 10 June 2024 will not be eligible to compete in the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event (or the final phase, should such qualification be a series of tournaments).

National Olympic Trials

NOCs/NFs having obtained quota places for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 may organize National Olympic Trials to determine their representing team(s). Athletes selected through the National Olympic Trials must comply with the eligibility requirements as specified in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

NOC/NF organising National Olympic Trials shall inform the date/location/format of such trials no later than five (5) working days prior to the start of such tournament to the FIVB.

D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will be allocated one (1) quota place per gender (one team of two (2) Men and one team of two (2) Women) on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section **C. Athlete Eligibility** of this document.





In addition, the host country has the right to participate in all qualification events to earn a second quota place per gender on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirement described under section **C.** Athlete Eligibility of this document.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

The FIVB will publish the results of the event within two (2) days after the event on its website.

The FIVB will confirm in writing to the NOCs and NFs within two (2) days after the last day of each event the quota places they have been allocated. The NOCs will then have seven (7) days and exceptionally four (4) days after the last qualifying event (completed by 23 June 2024) to confirm in writing to the FIVB if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**. If a confirmation is not provided by the deadline, the quota place allocated will be reallocated as per the procedure indicated in section **F. Reallocation of unused quota places**.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to the FIVB by 31 December 2023 the use of its host country places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the quota place(s) is obtained through the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.
- If the quota place(s) is obtained through the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team on the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.
- If the quota place(s) is obtained through the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible team of the respective Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event, whose NOC has not yet obtained the maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC/NF.





F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused host country place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest-ranked eligible team of the same gender on the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

Should the host country acquire a second quota place through the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championship and/or the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible team of the same gender on the Olympic Ranking List of 10 June 2024, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

In the event that a second quota place is obtained by the host country through the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible NOC of the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event in which the host country participated in, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
No later than 31 st May 2022	Each Continental Confederation to confirm the
	competition scheme and competition format of the
	Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event to the
	FIVB.
	The host country must confirm the use of the Host
31st December 2023	country allocated quota place to FIVB.
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6 – 15 October 2023	2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World
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16 October 2023, one (1) day after the	The FIVB confirms in writing to the NOCs/NFs the quota
completion of 2023 FIVB Beach	places allocated obtained through the 2023 FIVB Beach
Volleyball Senior World Championships	Volleyball Senior World Championships.
23 October 2023, eight (8) days after the	The NOCs/NFs confirm in writing to the FIVB the use of
completion of 2023 FIVB Beach	the allocated quota places obtained through the 2023
Volleyball Senior World Championships	FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships.
1st January 2023 to 9th June 2024	Olympic Ranking
10 th June 2024	The FIVB publishes the Qualification Ranking and
	confirms in writing to the NOCs/NFs the quota places
	allocated through the Olympic Ranking.
17th June 2024	The NOCs/NFs confirm in writing to the FIVB the use of
	the allocated quota places obtained through the Olympic
	Ranking to the FIVB.
1st July 2022 to 23rd June 2024	Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event





24 th June 2024	places allocated during the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event.	
28 th June 2024	The NOCs/NFs confirm in writing to the FIVB the use of the allocated quota places obtained through the Beach Volleyball Continental Qualification event.	
No later than 2 nd July 2024	The FIVB reallocates all unused quota places.	
8 July 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline	
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024	